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Re: US Patent Application No. 09/271,762

Dear Examiner Jackson:

Yesterday, you called in connection with the above-identified application to ask for a copy of the claims allowed in the immediate parent application, Application No. 08/756,776. I understand that you are looking for the '776 file, but would like an informal copy of the allowed claims to review for now.

Following is a copy of the claims as I think they stand in the '776 case. This is just an informal listing I prepared for my own reference and I have not carefully reviewed this to ensure that it accurately reflects the claims as allowed. I encourage you to double check the accuracy of this listing once you locate the '776 file, but I hope these will meet your needs for now.

I am going to be travelling tomorrow and I will not be back in the office until 28 September. If you need anything further in my absence, please ask for Deb Maday, my assistant, and she will have another attorney in our department get back to you promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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